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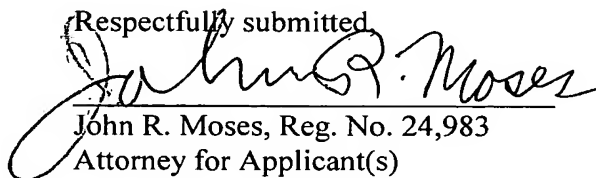
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment action dated June 15, 2004, please amend the attached drawings as follows:

Respectfully submitted,


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